

Bitterroot Job Service Employers' Committee Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2007

Present:

Linda Valentine, Human Resource Council
Deb Morris, Marcus Daly Mem. Hospital
Cindy Beck, Albertson's
Zana Westfield, Accu-Tax
Vikki Bell, Ravalli County Bank
Kathleen Cannon-Siegle, Bitterroot JSWC

Howard Lyons, Ravalli County
Mark Seitz, First Security Bank
Dixie Stark, LVA Bitterroot
Vickie Steele, Bitterroot JSWC
Patti Furniss, Bitterroot JSWC
Heather Mousley, Bitterroot JSWC

Introductions: Introductions were made with business affiliations.

Minutes: The February minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: After noting deposits and expenses, Debbie reported the JSEC account balance as \$2,762.97. Some monies are still due regarding the Steve Beck seminar participation.

Guest Speaker: Victoria Clark, Darby Adult Education Director, and original Bitterroot Valley Community College Exploratory Committee member, presented an excellent, speedy and detailed slide show addressing the benefits of a local community college for Ravalli County. This proposition will be listed on the May 8th ballot. Victoria listed barriers to distance education learning and provided facts and statistics identifying the need for a Bitterroot Valley Community College.

JSEC Seminar: The Steve Beck seminar was very successful with about two hundred in attendance. We still have registration monies filtering in from this event. A compilation of the seminar participant evaluations were provided to members. Great reading!☺☺

Community Job Fair: Heather reviewed costs being incurred for the Community Job Fair scheduled for April 5th at the Hamilton High School from 5:30-7:30 pm. There was a discussion regarding the JSEC financial donation provided from 2006. Cindy volunteered to donate two reams of copy paper and Zana will donate some colored copy paper, too. Pens will be donated from First Security Bank. A motion passed to provide a donation basket for a "free will" offering at the employer banquet table. Heather said that she is still hoping there will be some response from grants applied for to assist with the job fair costs. A motion passed that the Bitterroot JSEC will cover whatever costs remain for this event.

Job Service Update: Patti noted that Kathleen provided copies of the agenda, information on the speakers and lodging for the JSEC/Managers meeting to be held in Bozeman in May. Patti remarked on the keynote speaker, John G. Miller, the agenda, and invited members to attend this event. Patti, Deb Morris and Vikki Bell are on the S.A.F.E.'s Workplace Issues Committee and S.A.F.E. is asking our JSEC to co-sponsor or help out in some way in promoting a seminar by Johnny Lee. His presentation addresses awareness of domestic violence and workplace issues. Patti reported that he is from North Carolina, charges \$1250 plus travel expenses, which could be another \$1200. S.A.F.E. would like to hold this seminar in October. A motion passed to give this information to Pat Easley who is our seminar chair. A motion passed to renew Kathleen's SHRM annual membership for \$160. Patti explained the option and benefits of co-locating with other partners, i.e., the Chamber, SCORE, RCEDA, etc. She reviewed available building possibilities and benefits of a business one stop center under one roof.

JSEC Scholarships: Cindy reported that the scholarship application deadline is April 12th and Kathleen said that only one application has been received to date.

Mission Statement: Tabled until next month.

JSEC Meeting Change of Venue in April: On April 17th, our JSEC members will tour a portion of the Hamilton High School including the house project by the construction and trades class. We will have lunch after the tour (not a school lunch) and a donation, per usual, is very much appreciated. More details on April's meeting are forthcoming.☺ ***Meeting adjourned.***

